

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claim 22 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please AMEND claims 1 -3 and 5-21 and ADD new claim 23 in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A device for reading electronic mails, comprising:

a storing unit storing unread/already-read information corresponding to each of received electronic mails;

~~a managing module creating an unread mail list containing a list of electronic mail that was unread at a certain first time based on the unread/already-read information,~~

~~wherein the list of electronic mail in the created unread mail list is unchanged until a later second time even if an already-read condition of an electronic mail in the created unread mail list is fulfilled before the later second time; and~~

a controller indicating a change of the unread/already-read information corresponding to an unread electronic mail in a case where a body of the unread mail is displayed in response to a first command and not indicating the change of the unread/already-read information corresponding to the unread electronic mail in the case where a body of the unread mail is displayed in response to a second command; and controlling a management of reading of the electronic mail contained in the created unread mail list a managing module changing the unread/already-read information of the storing unit based on the indicating of the controller.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The device according to claim 1, wherein said storing unit stores ~~the-a~~ state of "unread" or a state of "already-read" of a corresponding electronic mail as the unread/already-read information,

said managing module creates a list in which an electronic mail of which the corresponding state information stored in said storing unit at a predetermined timing indicates the state of "unread" is registered, and

said controller executes a process displaying a registered electronic mail in said list on a

display according to a request for reading the registered electronic mail.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The device according to claim 2, wherein said controller specifies the electronic mail with the state of "unread" on the list corresponding to the request by a use of said list, and displays a body of the specified electronic mail on said display.

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The device according to claim 1, further comprising a display controller displaying a screen for searching the electronic mail with the state of "unread" on the list managed by said managing module on said display.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The device according to claim 4, wherein said list holds information of thea plurality of registered electronic mails in predetermined sort order, a pointer is set at any one of the information in said list, and said display controller displays the screen searching an electronic mail registered next to the registered electronic mail corresponding to the information pointed by the pointer and/or a previous electronic mail of the registered electronic mail corresponding to the information pointed to by the pointer.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The device according to claim-1 2, wherein the predetermined timing is a time point at ef which reading the body of the electronic mail is requested.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The device according to claim 2, wherein said list is deleted on thea basis of a request for an end of reading the electronic mail.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A storage medium readable by a computer, tangibly embodying a program executable by the computer to perform a method for causing the computer to function as a device for reading electronic mails, the method comprising:

storing unread/already-read information corresponding to each of received electronic mails;

~~creating an unread mail list containing a list of electronic mail that was unread at a certain first time on the basis of the unread/already-read information, indicating a change of the unread/already-read information corresponding to an unread electronic mail in a case where a body of an unread mail is displayed in response to a first command and not indicating the~~

change of the unread/already-read information corresponding to the unread electronic mail in a case where a body of the unread mail is displayed in response to a second command

~~wherein the list of electronic mail in the created unread mail list is unchanged until a later second time even if an already-read condition of an electronic mail in the created unread mail list is fulfilled before the later second time; and~~

~~controlling a management of reading of the electronic mail contained in the created unread mail list a managing changing the unread/already-read information based on the indicating.~~

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The storage medium according to claim 8, wherein said storing stores ~~the-a~~ state of "unread" or a state of "already-read" of a corresponding electronic mail as the unread/already-read information

said managing creates a list in which an electronic mail of which corresponding state information at a predetermined timing indicates the state of "unread" is registered, and the method further comprises executing said controlling executes a process displaying a registered electronic mail in said list on a display according to a request reading the registered electronic mail.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The storage medium according to claim 9, ~~wherein said controlling specifies the method further comprising specifying the electronic mail with the state of "unread" on the list[""] corresponding to the a request by a use of said list, and displays a body of the specified electronic mail on said display.~~

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The storage medium according to claim 8, the method further comprising displaying a screen for searching the electronic mail with the state of "unread" on the list on said display.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The storage medium according to claim 11, wherein said list holds information of ~~thea~~ plurality of registered electronic mails in predetermined sort order,

a pointer is set at any one of the information in said list, and

~~said displaying displays the screen searching an electronic mail registered next to the registered electronic mail corresponding to the information to pointed by the pointer and/or a previous electronic mail of the registered electronic mail corresponding to the information~~

pointed to by the pointer.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The storage medium according to claim-8 9, wherein the predetermined timing is a time point at of which a reading the body of the electronic mail is requested.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The storage medium according to claim 9, wherein said list is deleted on the a basis of a request for an end of reading the electronic mail.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for controlling reading electronic mails, comprising:

storing unread/already-read information corresponding to each of received electronic mails;

~~creating an unread-mail list containing a list of electronic mail that was unread at a certain first time on the basis of the unread/already-read information;~~

~~wherein the list of electronic mail in the created unread-mail list is unchanged until a later second time even if an already-read condition of an electronic mail in the created unread-mail list is fulfilled before the later second time indicating a change of the unread/already-read information corresponding to an unread electronic mail in a case where a body of the unread mail is displayed in response to a first command and not indicating the change of the unread/already-read information corresponding to the unread electronic mail in a case where a body of the unread mail is displayed in response to a second command; and~~

managing the changing of the unread/already-read information based on the indicating controlling a management of reading of the electronic mail contained in the created unread-mail list.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method according to claim 15, wherein said storing stores the a state of "unread" or a state of "already-read" of a corresponding electronic mail as the unread/already-read information,

said managing creates a list in which a electronic mail of which corresponding state information at a predetermined timing indicates the state of "unread" is registered, and

said controlling executes the method further comprising executing a process displaying a registered electronic mail in said list on a display according to a request reading the registered electronic mail.

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method according to claim 16, ~~wherein said controlling specifies the method further comprising specifying the electronic mail with the state of "unread" on the list corresponding to the a request by a use of said list, and displays a body of the specified electronic mail on said display.~~

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method according to claim 15, the method further comprising displaying a screen for searching the electronic mail with the state of "unread" on the list on said display.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method according to claim 18, wherein said list holds information of ~~the a~~ plurality of registered electronic mails in predetermined sort order, a pointer is set at any one of the information in said list, and ~~said displaying displays the screen searching an electronic mail registered next to the registered electronic mail corresponding to the information pointed by the pointer and/or a previous electronic mail of the registered electronic mail corresponding to the information pointed by the pointer.~~

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method according to claim-15 16, wherein the predetermined timing is a time point ~~efat~~ at which reading the body of the electronic mail is requested.

21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method according to claim 16, deleting said list on ~~the a~~ basis of a request for an end of reading the electronic mail.

22. (CANCELLED)

23. (NEW) A method for controlling reading electronic mails by a computer, the method comprising:

providing a user a choice of commands to issue to the computer for display of a body of unread electronic mail, the providing comprising:

providing a first command for directing the computer to indicate a change of unread/already-read information corresponding to an unread electronic mail, and

providing a second command for directing the computer to not indicate the change of the unread/already-read information corresponding to the unread electronic mail.